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## **Investing in Private Equity – How and Why Now?**

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There is a vast universe of highly successful and innovative private companies not listed on public equity exchanges. In years past, only large institutions and ultra-wealthy individuals could invest in these companies through private equity funds. That is starting to change: new fund structures are coming to market that will make private equity accessible to a wider universe of individual investors. In this workshop, you'll learn about the potential benefits of private equity and Blackstone's extensive capabilities in the space. By delving into Blackstone's key distinctions – its scale, thematic investment approach and expertise in business transformation – participants will learn why we believe it is important to select a strong private equity manager. The workshop will also examine private equity in the context of the current economic environment to answer the question 'why now?'



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